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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on November 19, 2002 for the above referenced patent application, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The RCE was due on November 30, 2002, without payment of an extension fee. Because November 30, 2002, fell on a Saturday, the RCE is timely if filed on Monday, December 2, 2002.

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In The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph from page 7, line 26 to page 8, line 3 with the following replacement paragraph:

In accordance with the present invention, the curing rate of the epoxy-containing, photo-activated compositions is affected in several ways. For example, the curing rate for the adhesive layer and the bulk layer can be differentiated through the selection of the type of epoxy, the thickness of each layer, the activation source, components within the epoxy-containing compositions, cure kinetics, or combinations thereof. The components within the composition that are capable of affecting the curing rate would include photo-initiators, accelerators, inhibitors, and sensitizers. Other factors that affect the curing rate